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SUBJECT: ESCAP:ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
(ACPR), 16TH RESUMED SESSION, FEBRUARY 2, 1976

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1. BRIEF MEETING TO COMPLETE 16TH SESSION AGENDA ITEM 3 ON
WORK PROGRAM WAS DEVOTED MAINLY TO DISCUSSION ESCAP DOCUMENT
ACPR/80 WHICH WAS DESCRIBED PARA 8 REFTEG.

2. AUSTRALIANS, INDIANS AND OTHERS CRITICIZED SECRETARIAT
FOR NOT DEVOTING SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO FIVE PRIORITY AREA
PROGRAMS BECAUSE 25 PERCENT OF TOTAL PROGRAMS GET ONLY 26
PERCENT OF RESOURCES. SECRETARIAT ARGUED THAT THESE WERE NOT
RPT NOT TOTAL ESCAP RESOURCES BUT EXISTING RESOURCES AND
SOUGHT TO PROVE MOST ACTIVITIES IN REGULAR PROGRAMS WERE
SUPPORTIVE OF PRIORITY AREA PROGRAMS.

3. NEVERTHELESS, MAJORITY AGREED ACPR/80 WAS EXCELLENT
DOCUMENT (ESPECIALLY PP 9-13) FOR SUBMISSION TO COMMISSION.
A SECTION ON OBJECTIVES WILL BE ADDED AT BEGINNING AND
SEPARATE BREAKDOWNS OF WORK PROGRAMS FOR OTHER COMMITTEES
WILL ALSO BE ADDED AFTER SECTION ON NATURAL RESOURCES.

4. DRAFT MEDIUM TERM PLAN 1978-81 (ACPR/69) AND DRAFT WORK
PROGRAM (ACPR/70) WERE MERELY NOTED.

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5. THIS WAS LAST FORMAL ACPR SESSION BEFORE 32ND COMMISSION SESSION MARCH 24 BUT TWO INFORMAL MEETINGS PLANNED IN FEBRUARY TO REVIEW DRAFT ACPR REPORT BEING PREPARED BY DRAFTING GROUP DESCRIBED PARA 5 REFTEL (WITH AUSTRALIA VICE MALAYSIA NOW) AND TO HEAR SECRETARIAT DESCRIBE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 32ND SESSION.

6. WE LEARNED UNOFFICIALLY THAT ORIGINAL PLAN HOLD INAUGURAL COMMISSION SESSION AT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN SCRUBBED AND REPLACED BY PLENARY SESSION IN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING OF NEW UN COMPLEX. PLANS FOR HOLDING 33RD SESSION IN MANILA ARE NOW BEING HEARD IN CORRIDORS.
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